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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 9, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER

CASE NO. PUE010154

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity for
facilities in Loudoun County:
Beaumeade-Beco 230 kV Transmission
Line and Beaumeade-Greenway 230 kV
Transmission Line

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On March 15, 2001, as revised on March 23, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Virginia" or "Company"), filed an application for approval and certification of electric facilities in Eastern Loudoun County. Dominion Virginia proposes to construct and operate two new single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines from its existing Beaumeade Substation. One line would extend for approximately 0.7 mile along an existing right-of-way on the north side of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Corridor and for approximately 0.9 mile on a new right-of-way to a new Beco Substation. Another line would extend for approximately 2.0 miles on a new right-of-way from Beaumeade Substation to the now Greenway Substation.

The Commission finds that, as provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and that the Company should give notice so that interested persons may comment and participate in this proceeding. The Commission will set this matter for hearing before a hearing examiner. We also direct the Commission Staff to investigate the application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter be docketed as Case No. PUE010154 and that all associated papers be filed therein.

(2) A public hearing on the application be held on July 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia.

(3) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code of Virginia and Rule 7:1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("the Rules"), 5 VAC 5-10-520, a hearing examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

(4) On or before April 27, 2001, the Company may file with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, an

original and fifteen (15) copies of any additional testimony and exhibits that it intends to present in support of its application.

(5) On or before May 21, 2001, any person expecting to participate as a protestant, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-180, shall file with the Clerk at the address set out in ordering paragraph (4) an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of protest, as required by Rule 5:16(a) of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-420 B, and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company, Pamela Walker, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and Guy T. Tripp III, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074. Any organization, corporation, or government entity protesting the application must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 4:8 of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-200.

(6) Within five (5) days of receipt of a notice of protest, the Company shall serve upon each protestant a copy of this order, a copy of the application, and all materials now or hereafter filed with the Commission, unless these materials have already been provided.

(7) On or before June 21, 2001, each protestant shall file with the Clerk at the address set out in ordering paragraph (4) an original and fifteen (15) copies of a protest, as required by

Rule 5:16(b) of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-420 C, and an original and fifteen (15) copies of the testimony and exhibits that the protestant intends to present at the hearing and shall serve a copy of the protest, testimony, and exhibits on counsel to the Company and on all other parties.

(8) On or before May 21, 2001, written comments on the Company's application shall be filed with the Clerk at the address set out in ordering paragraph(4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010154.

(9) The Commission Staff shall investigate the Company's application and, on or before June 28, 2001, shall file with the Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the hearing, and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company and on all other parties.

(10) On or before July 10, 2001, the Company may file with the Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of all testimony it expects to offer in rebuttal to all direct testimony and exhibits of Commission Staff and protestants, and shall serve one copy on all other parties. Additional rebuttal evidence may be presented in response to evidence which was not filed, but elicited at the hearing, provided that the need for the additional rebuttal evidence is timely addressed by motion during the hearing.

(11) Rule 6:4 of the Rules, Interrogatories to Parties or Requests for Production of Documents and Things, 5 VAC 5-10-480, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: (i) answers and objections shall be served within ten (10) days after receipt of interrogatories; (ii) special motions upon the validity of any objections raised by answers shall be filed within five (5) working days of receipt of the objection; and, (iii) answers, objections, and special motions shall be served by 3:00 p.m. of the due date, unless the Staff or party upon whom service must be made agrees in advance to other arrangements.

12) Forthwith upon receipt of this order, the Company shall make available for inspection during regular business hours copies of its application, testimony, exhibits, this order, and all other materials filed in this proceeding at the following Dominion Virginia Power offices:

Bulk Power Delivery
2400 Grayland Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
Attention: John Bailey

Leesburg District Office
620 Sycolin Road, SE
Leesburg, Virginia
Attention: Phil Sparks

(13) On or before April 21, 2001, the Company shall publish the following notice and a sketch map of the proposed routes and alternatives as display advertising (not classified)

in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in Loudoun County:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION LINES IN
LOUDOUN COUNTY
CASE NO. PUE010154

On March 15, 2001, as revised on March 23, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Virginia" or "Company") applied to the State Corporation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate transmission lines in Loudoun County. Dominion Virginia proposes to construct and operate a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line from its existing Beaumeade Substation to a new Beco Substation. This line would extend for approximately 0.7 mile along an existing right-of-way on the north side of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad corridor ("W&OD") and for approximately 0.9 mile on a new right-of-way. The Company also proposes to construct and operate a single-circuit transmission line of 230 kV from its existing Beaumeade Substation to a new Greenway Substation. The Beaumeade-Greenway line would extend for approximately 2.0 miles on a new right-of-way with a width of approximately 100 feet. In addition to its proposed routing, the Company identified alternatives for the Beaumeade-Greenway route.

A description of the proposed and alternative routes follows:

Beaumeade-Beco

Beaumeade Substation to a point 0.7 mile eastward from Beaumeade Substation along the existing right-of-way on the north

side of the W&OD corridor, then northward approximately 0.9 mile on a new right-of-way to the Beco Substation.

Beaumeade-Greenway

Beaumeade Substation to Greenway Substation 2.0 miles along the new right-of-way southward from Beaumeade Substation on the east side of Smiths Switch Road for 0.9 mile to Farmwell Road, across Farmwell Road and southwest on the east side of Waxpool Road for 0.5 mile to a point immediately southwest on the WorldCom property. At this point the route turns to the south for 0.6 mile to the Greenway Substation.

The first alternative route to the Greenway Substation would be 0.6 mile eastward from Beaumeade Substation along the W&OD corridor; then south 0.8 mile on a new right-of-way to Waxpool Road; then to the southwest 1.3 miles generally following an existing sewer easement to Shellhorn Road. At this point, the route would turn to the west for 0.4 mile paralleling the north side of Shellhorn Road to the Greenway Substation.

The second alternative would be to leave the first alternative route at a point approximately 0.7 mile south of Waxpool Road and proceed west generally along a property line 0.9 mile to Greenway Substation.

A third alternative route to the Greenway Substation would

follow the route of the first alternative to Waxpool Road and turn westward on either the north or south side of Waxpool Road for 1 mile to join the Company's proposed route and continue south for 1.1 miles to the Greenway Substation.

All distances and directions are approximate. The Commission may consider and approve a route or routes not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The application may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during Commission business hours. Copies of the application may also be inspected during business hours at the following Dominion Virginia Power offices:

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2400 Grayland Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
Attention: John Bailey

Leesburg District Office
620 Sycolin Road, SE
Leesburg, Virginia
Attention: Phil Sparks

A public hearing on the Company's application will be held on July 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application need only appear at the hearing location at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

On or before May 21, 2001, written comments on the Company's application shall be filed with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such comments must refer to Case No. PUE010154.

On or before May 21, 2001, any person desiring to participate as a protestant, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), 5 VAC 5-10-180, shall file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address printed above an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest, as provided in Rule 5:16(a) of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-420 B, shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company, Pamela Walker, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and Guy T. Tripp III, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074. Any person who expects to participate as a protestant should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing for complete details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation in this case.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(14) On or before April 16, 2001, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the chairman of the board of supervisors of every county and upon the mayor of every city and town affected by this application. Service shall be made by first-

class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(15) On or before May 21, 2001, the Company shall file with the Clerk proof of the newspaper publication and proof of service required by ordering paragraphs (13) and (14).